

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : RIPPL et al.
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 AND § 372

Applicant hereby elects Group II directed to claims 10-27, drawn to a laser device for laser machining including laser welding of vehicle bodies and a body parts workpiece.

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement as the process involves the special technical feature of controlling the power of a laser source based on the motions of a laser beam, the device claims including a laser source wherein the power of the laser source is controlled as a function of the motions of the laser beam. As such, it is believed that the process comprises the same special technical features of the device. Further, as the process and the device relate to the single inventive concept of laser machining workpieces, consideration of all claims is believed to be proper.

Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

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